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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF STOCKHOLDERS OF STOCKHOLDERS OF to the borrower will seem reasona-

Finance - Economics

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Monday, November 20, 1916

afford to take-which is gold.

000 for Russia, \$60,000,000 for the of gold. French municipalities of Bordeaux, 000 for China. The Russian loan ligerent countries. A preceding Russian loan for a like amount was secured by a deposit of rubles in pectation of an exciting and profita very handsome profit. It went ernment. The loan to China, small 8 East 43d Street 25 West 33d Street of the Continental and Commercial which she had been unable to borrow in Wall Street.

> foreign borrowers should be and is justment. lightly tending to rise, for two reaof interest on foreign loans has been drowned in gold, with English com-

> The first big war loan was the Anglo-French issue of \$500,000,000 5 per cent notes. They were sold at a price that made the yield 51/2 per cent. They have declined from 98 to 95, and the yield to the investor who buys them now is a little more than 6 per cent. The cost of that money to Great Britain and France at the time was approximately 6 per cent, and the commissioners who came to this country to close the contract were criticised at home for selling the "two-name" paper of the two most powerful financial countries in the world at a discredited price. What could be better than a note indorsed jointly by Great Britain and France? Nothing could be better intrinsically, perhaps, and yet one year later the British are lending their own money to their own government on 6 per cent Ex- end of it. The whole affair appears chequer bonds, which are as good as to be moving at a self-accelerating money if they believe in the solvency rate of speed to no definite point in of Great Britain, whereas both of space or time. Germany has adopted the British loans that followed the industrial conscription and has be-Anglo-French loan in this country gun to impress the conquered people. are selling to yield less than 6 per Great Britain has decided to have a cent. It is now proposed that the food dictator to regulate the dis-British government shall offer Treas- tribution of food which a royal comury bills here, or some other form mission has been charged to provide. of unsecured paper, in unlimited There is no sign of peace. Indica-

The ease with which foreign loans probably to yield about 6 per cent, be unable to guarantee delivery on any the war has actually hurt the banks, The ease with which foreign loans are placed is commonly accepted as a wonglerful commentary on the by the banks. They would not aptween now and then a radical change leased from the reserves available for

ment market." That is somewhat leans. All the rest of her borrowing The economic world is now a place where you see things half right-side. The loans have been bought by standing more than \$5,000,000,000. is perplexing the minds of the exup as before and half upside-down. banks, trust companies and large Germany, it is interesting to note, perts of the Department of Labor. We are the only people left with financial institutions, which carry has borrowed so far more than Great We are the only people left with the power to lend in units of \$100,- them partly as investments, but for the power to lend in units of \$100,- them partly as investments, but for the power to lend in units of \$100,- them partly as investments, but for the power to lend in units of \$100,- them partly as investments, but for the power to lend in units of \$100,- them partly as investments, but for the power to lend in units of \$100,- them partly as investments, but for the power to lend in units of \$100,- them partly as investments, but for the power to lend in units of \$100,- them partly as investments, but for the power to lend in units of \$100,- them partly as investments, but for the power to lend in units of \$100,- them partly as investments, but for the power to lend in units of \$100,- them partly as investments, but for the power to lend in units of \$100,- them partly as investments, but for the power to lend in units of \$100,- them partly as investments, but for the power to lend in units of \$100,- them partly as investments, but for the power to lend in units of \$100,- them partly as investments, but for the power to lend in units of \$100,- them partly as investments, but for the power to lend in units of \$100,- them partly as investments, but for the power to lend in units of \$100,- them partly as investments, but for the power to lend in units of \$100,- the partly as investments, but for the power to lend in units of \$100,- the partly as investments, but for the power to lend in units of \$100,- the partly as investments, but for the power to lend in units of \$100,- the partly as investments, but for the power to lend in units of \$100,- the partly as investments, but for the partly as investment 000,000. That is to say, we are now the most part as "leans and dis- war borrowing is nearly \$15,000,the heaviest lenders on earth. And counts." The issues are mainly 000,000, of which only about \$3,000,the heaviest lenders on earth. And present need of soldiers. And that will force wages up. Wages will go against anything which might develop will force wages up. rowers. It seems ludicrous. We can- attractive and profitable employment securities. All the rest has been borrowers. It seems ludicrous. We cannot control the rate of interest in for surplus bank funds. When one long-term loans. The war men there may cause. Those who for surplus bank funds. When one long-term loans. The war men there may cause. Those who for surplus bank funds. When one long-term loans are formered to the control the rate of interest in loans. The war men there may cause the control the rate of interest in loans. The war men there may cause the control the rate of interest in loans. The war men there may cause the control the rate of interest in loans. The war men there may cause the control the rate of interest in loans. The war men there may cause the control the rate of interest in loans are control to the control that the control the rate of interest in loans are control to the control to th our own domestic money market. It says surplus funds one does not has cost Germany more than Great take the other side of the argument out." is made by the foreign borrower, mean money idle in the vaults of a Britain to date. Not only has Great hold that the Europeans will come who adds gold to our bank reserves tank; one means unemployed lend- Britain borrowed less-\$13,250,000, to this country to escape the ecowho adds gold to our bank reserves against our will and better judg- ing power. That is credit. Bank of the terrible of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, against our will and better judgment. We cannot control the supcredit has been expanding at an

OOO—but nearly a quarter of Great They do not believe, however, that
lesson Europe has given its inhabiin an address before the American ment. We cannot control the supply or distribution of American enormous rate to envelop the forpry or distribution of American credit. That is determined by the eigh loans placed here in the last to her allies, whereas it is improbate reach the proportions it did before the atmosphere of death, desolation among other things, said: foreign borrower. We cannot say two years. The expansion of credit ble any such proportion of the war the war. what security we shall have for the was made possible by (a) the Fedcredit we lend abroad, nor the price eral Reserve Bank act, which re- been loaned to her allies. at which we shall lend it, for if we duced the amount of reserve rewant too much security or too much quired by law to be carried in a interest the foreign borrower will bank against its liabilities, thereby pay us in the only stuff we cannot increasing its lending power upon a given amount of gold reserve, and (b) the inflow of foreign gold, which, Several interesting items were finding its way into bank vaults, beadded last week to the mounting list comes the basis for more credit, in of foreign credits—namely, \$50,000,- a ratio of \$4 or \$5 of credit to \$1

little less than 2 for \$1. If the terms, they will pay us in gold! It ure? Or shall we prepare for it as the banks are seriously concerned ruble went up in exchange value was learned last week that they had best we can?" the holders of the loan would make mobilized a vast gold fund at Ot- The world, he believes, has learned the vaults. They cannot refuse to reis now worth only 31 cents. The scend upon us unless we agree more been pretty well broken up; the crusts lated from deposits. loan of \$60,000,000 to the three or less promptly to take payment of business custom have been rent French municipalities is not a war for our goods in unsecured paper. from centre to circumference, never the proceeds are to be used to relieve, borrowers' terms or receive gold, that mobilization, standardization, human suffering; but for all pur- which will become the basis of fur- organization and cooperation are reposes of financial consideration they ther and perhaps unmanageable quired. The application of these are war loans, and have the same credit inflation. Owing to the awk- principles, he said: effect upon exchange as credit wardness of our banking system granted directly to the French gov- there is no way to impound the gold when it comes in or to keep it out as it is, becomes a distinct event in of the hands of banks, and once it American finance by reason of hav-ing been floated under the auspices there is no way to keen it from being there is no way to keep it from being Berlin
Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago.
Thus Chicago enters the field of ested, like everybody else, in profits used as the basis of further credit world finance and lends China money The more they lend the more they make. But this unending credit in flation causes prices to rise higher and higher, until at length every The price of American credit to thing is wild and out of proper ad-

So we have the situation in which sons. One is that the amount of American bankers are saying that the borrowing increases prodigiously we must take the unsecured paper and the other is that the borrowers of our war customers in payment offered their best security first. Ac- for goods, and take it on easy terms, tually, however, the rise in the rate to keep ourselves from being inadequate. The enormous additions mentators saying at the same time of foreign gold to our bank reserves that it is a matter of indifference to have kept interest rates down. Great Britain which we do, except Great Britain borrows in this countain which we do, except were before. However, he is hopeful, try more cheaply than she borrows that we had better for our own propaper. The London correspondent of "The Evening Post" says:

We should be disposed to issue such short loans in America only if money were obtainable at very cheap rates. The policy of lending on a normal basis to the Allies is likely to be prompted among your financial people by a number of diverse motives. But aside from these, I must repeat that the Allied governments command of gold is so great that even without fresh credits at New York the indebtedness could be settled in gold for a very long period ahead. What we believe, however, is that the effect of settlement exclusively on that basis might eventually be to precipitate an absolute crisis in the United States. It would not be merely a question of inflation and complications would follow

So far as we can see, there is no amounts, and beforehand it is under- tions point rather to a rise in the stood that we shall be obliged to course of obstinacy on all sides.

paper to be offered here will proba- apply only to distant deliveries. It is should have helped. Unfortunately, bly be treasury or exchequer bills, believed that the Steel Corporation will however, the new situation caused by "strength of the American invest- peal to investors. The alternative may take place in industrial conditions. investment, but they have had a con-

of a popular, long-dated war loan, to he offered directly to the people, has apparently not been considered. Great Britain has been avoiding long-term war loans at home. Since the beginning of the war she has berrowed the staggering sum of \$13,-250,000,000, of which only \$4,500, 000,000 is represented by long-term misleading. Investors have had very is in the form of floating debt. Of little part in any of this financing. treasury bills alone she has now out-

> Canada Asleep In Trade Way -SIR GEORGE FOSTER.

compared with other countries, in preparing for the post-bel-And now we find ourselves in a lum period is the opinion of Sir Lyons and Marseilles and \$5,000, dilemma such as never confronted a George Foster, Canadian Minister of nation before since economic think- Trade and Commerce. The moment is particularly interesting as the ing began in the modern way. We the war ends, he said recently before beginning of the flotation here have already so much gold, and so the Empire Club of Toronto, the of the unsecured war paper of bel- much credit inflation inverted there- wheels of the munitions industries on, that bankers are beginning to be will cease to turn. Then the Cana- ways wants to have as little money in afraid of the consequences. Our war dian manufacturer will have to hus- his treasury as posible and that he becustomers at the same time are de- tle for the customers he has not wails the period when his surpluses Petrograd, and there was the ex- manding more credit, an unlimited known for two years or more. "Is it are large. amount, on favorable terms, and best," asked Sir George, "to wait unable speculation in foreign exchange, they hold over us the threat that if til that time comes, and in the maze for the rubles were counted at 3 we do not give the credit freely, of dislocated activities try to work for \$1, against a normal value of a without security and on reasonable out what we should do for the fut-

> tawa. It is, in a sense, suspended that old business crusts, like old so- ceive deposits, but they have no means there, and will be released to de- cial crusts and old class crusts, have of using the enormous sums accumu-

> > is winning the war. They must be applied to business. This has been realized in England, in the United States, in France, in Russia, in Italy and in Japan, All these countries are preparing for what will succeed the war. What is Canada doing? She may be thinking, but there is not much that be scanned on the surface yet. The man with small plans and a small capital will not have a chance to go into Russia and do big business. He and others have got to combine. You have the pluck, the heart and the brain, but if you have not the munitions of war you will go into this great war of peace and find yourself up against better mobilized business, and it may take years to overcome the handicap. Why not get ready

Sir George predicted that when the war is over the parasites, the army of middlemen and speculators, would

the only way we shall ever make good in Canada is by getting down to the basic principle that wealth is made by production and development. Addlemen are required only as handmaids, as it were, to distribution. The only way Canada can make good as a country is to go to the work of production with knowledge, with high purpose, with scientific training, with method, organization and with mobilizamade a country second to none in the wide world. The clarity and selflessness of the earlier part of the war are being blurred by business and full employment; Canadians are drifting away from the spirituality of the earlier part of

"The Monetary Times," in full achigh prices, but even social and labor cord with Sir George's remarks,

> Are not our business men and manufacturers being misled by the prosperity of war, a factor which has increased factory production 50 per cent, export trade 100 per cent; has brought profits on capital ranging from 5 to 300 per cent, and has piled up bank deposits to a billion and a quarter of dollars? That prosperity will cease with a jolt when peace comes. "

The form of unsecured British the opinion is expressed that they will der the old régime. Normally this

High Wages May Attract Skilled Workers to Europe When the War Ends

Washington, November 19. 7 ILL it be immigration or emigration after the war?

That is a question which The department is divided into

official. "You have seen how they workers to get away."

, went to China and Japan and other soon as peace is established.

The contention of another official

and misery after the war. I believe "The first false premise is that the go to Europe after the war, to get to pass laws to restrict emigration. ed before the domestic needs are sat the high wages there," asserted one so strong will be the desire of the isfied."

WORKING IN A CREDIT VACUUM

Banks in the Dilemma of Having More Funds than They Can Lend

Chicago, November 17. It is a paradox that the banker albecause when the surplus is at a low for reserve requirements-all his funds are usually employed profitably. To-day throughout the United States about the large sums accumulated in

The manufacturer, who in times past reconstruction after the war. Factorhave been enlarged, additional Kirjassoff. plants have been installed and the ber of industries.

Capital Out of Profits

has been responsible for the Allies granting large advances to manufacturers. These advances enabled the producer to enlarge and earn large profits without recourse to the banks. The farmer, who sells grain and cattle has profited by the increase in prices. Unlike in the past, he was not forced to sell. His ability to hold on and the urgency of the demand from Europe

mercial attaché, Rio Janeiro.

It is stated that the first steamer, of 6,000 tons register, will leave Japan addition to special cargo will bring 900 emigrants.

According to arrangements which it is said have been made, Japan is to send every year, beginning next February, to sell. His ability to hold on and the urgency of the demand from Europe

mercial attaché, Rio Janeiro.

It is stated that the first steamer, of 6,000 tons register, will leave Japan to surely take things easily these days.

The Black Diamond.

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To be Pai jump up and want things as they has profited by the increase in prices. said have been made, Japan is to send Unlike in the past, he was not forced to sell. His ability to hold on and the urgency of the demand from Europe have combined to increase prices to such an extent that the farmers have not in the least been obliged to wait for even the usual period before they for even the usual period before they disposed of all their produce and cat- CANADA ALSO PAYING tle. The farmer simply increased his account with the banks, so much so that the new season, and even the Heavy Exports Include Eggs and movement of crops have been managed without the normal recourse to bor-

extent in Boston, the problem before Canada show a considerable increase in bankers is how to make the plethora price over last year, according to reof deposits pay even a small return. ports reaching Washington. This inwho constituted in the past the chief large shipments of foods to the United borrowers, are no longer in the mar- Kingdom. It is interesting to note ket, as usual. Little new industrial that the large exports of eggs, poultry expansion is taking place, except in and butter from Montreal to the United nected with war supplies. There has American product. been a complete lull in new railway

Pittsburgh, November 19.

Concerning this week's advances in teel products, particularly in ralls, steel products, particularly in rails, utilize more of their deposits than un-

ficult than ever.

culties attendant upon superfluous ord. money long before any other centre. Now, places like Chicago, St. Louis and Philadelphia are, strange to say, feeling the pinch of prosperity. They are also following the footsteps of New York, and accommodating New in order to help to finance Eu-

20,000 JAPANESE

Yokohama, Japan, October 12. the Oriental Emigration Company, who if the price of cotton remains high o was almost clamorous for money, has Emigration Company and the Morioka in the near or in the distant future loan, at least not technically so, for We have either to give credit on the to be mended. The war has taught no further use for the banks, except the Brazilian government for the trens. to deposit his money. The farmer, the Brazilian government for the trans- cotton goods altogether too cheap, and who was also a good borrower in times port of Japanese laborers to Brazil, has it is unlikely that such conditions will past, is able to keep away from the successfully concluded arrangements to be noted in the future.-American Wool banks altogether. During the past two send 20,000 Japanese to Brazil within and Cotton Reporter. years the new developments in indus- two years. A group of 5,000 men will be try have been almost altogether in sent twice a year, in the spring and lines that are connected with war or- autumn, and the Brazilian government ders, and, in a few cases, with supplies will contribute £8 (\$39) toward the mines, are taking a curious view of the needed by European countries for transportation expenses of each emi- Eastern coal situation. They argue that grant.-Report from Vice-Consul M. D. the market is assured for the winter

producing capacity increased in a num- Brazil nine years studying its finances, work any day they please and as many commerce and production as represen- days as they choose, they are perfectly tative of the Toyo Imim Goshi Kaisha easy about their meal tickets. Any time One may ask with reason: "How and the Nippon Boyer Kaisha (Oriental they need a little mo was this possible without an outlay Navigation Company and Japanese things they can go to the mines and of new capital?" The answer is that Commercial and Navigation Company), make it. They know they will be welthe industries that cater to war sup- has left for the United States, en route comed. So the miners are taking their the industries that cater to war sup-plies have in most cases made such to Japan, to put in operation plans time about working. If it is a bright AN ORDINANCE CALLING IN FOR RElarge profits that they have been able which have been consummated for the and sunshiny day, when it would be to muster enough of capital to en- establishment of a line of steamers more pleasant above than below ground, CITY OF SAN ANTONIO. large their plants. In many cases the from Japan to Brazil, according to a they decide to go squirrel hunting and urgent necessity of obtaining goods report from William C. Downs, com- have a little fun. It is the same spirit

HIGH PRICES FOR FOOD

Poultry Produced in U. S.

Washington, November 16. Excepting in New York, and to some Nearly all commodities of foods in The manufacturer and the farmer, crease is due in great part to the such industries as are principally con- Kingdom are almost wholly of the

Canada has imported many thousand such expenditure has been met out of price in Canada. Eggs are now bring- value. ing from 70 to 75 cents a dozen, and principal results of the passing of the home consumption. Flour is selling at amount. Federal Reserve act, should embarrass \$10.80 a barrel; vegetables are selling banks at present. The object of the to-day for practically the same prices

From Trade Organs

The Shock Absorber

Apparently cash is being conserved

ous readjustments which may b forced by conditions at the termination paid to them there. It will be the same case with Europe. I would not be powerful financiers believe that corpo rations of which they are directors be surprised to see a large tide of should continue well fortified with seems to be "When in doubt prepare "There is no doubt in my mind with liquid strength." When direcparty believes that when the present be as great after the war as is her found it wise to make their company's European struggle is ended Ameri- present need of soldiers. And that position as impregnable as possible there a lesson to be learned there-

Butting Against Facts

Dr. E. E. Pratt, chief of the Bureau

Just now, when wheat and flour are seeking the empyrean blue, and when domestic wants are not satisfied, and stant stream of gold from Europe, when the cost of living is mounting causing a deluge of funds. The ad- skyward, our wheat and flour continues vances given to manufacturers and to be exported in an enormous quanfarmers, the profits from war orders, tity. We have not filled the needs of which have enabled many trades not domestic consumption, but we are only to pay old obligations, but also to sending wheat and flour abroad on a increase their plants without recourse large scale. Europe's demand is fixto banks, and, above all, the increased ing the price which American consum stock values, have all contributed to ers of wheat and flour must pay. Dr. make the banker's position more dif- Pratt apparently needs to make another study of economic conditions. As the depository of the funds of the He is butting against facts as old as whole country, New York felt the diffi- is world trade.- Manufacturers' Rec-

The Rise in Cotton Goods Retail quotations are rapidly being

advanced to points which more nearly correspond with the selling prices for finished goods to-day, but it is likely that many more advances of a radical character will occur. There is absolute certainty in distributing channels that 33 New Street (Ground), N. Y. the prices of cotton goods will continue LABORERS FOR BRAZIL at levels higher than have been noted for some years. It is not contended that cotton goods prices will remain at their It is reported that Tadao Kamiya, of present levels, although this is probable went to Brazil representing his own advances, but the low quotations noted company as well as the South American some years ago are not expected either

The Workers' Attitude The workers, especially in the coal

This guarantees them work whenever Mr. Akira Toshima, who has been in they want to do it. Since they can which occasionally induces the execu-

sons, pulled up their stakes and left or sold their claims for a song. Alfalfa County, of which Cherokee is the county seat, was in the heart of this district. How times have changed!

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Sald bonds being payable in thirty (30) sold being payable in thirty (30) sold being payable in thirty (30) sold claims and being at the option of sald changing five (3) per cent interest; and changed in the payable in thirty (30) sold being payable in the payable sons, pulled up their stakes and left falfa County, of which Cherokee is the

Prospectors in many parts of the Prospectors in many parts of the country have raised great hopes of locating large natural denosits of nitrates.

To take notice hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 50th day of October. A. D. 1916.

CLINTON G. BROWN, Mayor. building; and even the improvements cases of eggs from the United States cating large natural deposits of nitrates that are taking place at present owing and then shipped them to England; by finding good surface showings of to increased revenues have not neces- exports from Montreal alone for the these salts, but investigation has sitated the expenditure of large out- season so far amounts to 201,835 cases. seemed to force the acceptance of a lays of capital; as a matter of fact, This has had a tendency to boost the general adverse judgment as to their

As a result of its examinations the it is predicted that prices will go to United States Geological Survey finds It is extraordinary that the reduc-tion of reserve requirements of na-tional banks, which was one of the

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district. How times have changed!

At a recent community meeting of farmers on a farm near there automobiles worth more than a million dollars were parked. Alfalfa County now boasts of more automobiles than any other county in the state not possessing large cities.—Implement and Tractor Trade Journal.

NITRATE DEPOSITS

ARE DISAPPOINTING

Prospectors in many parts of the

ATTEST: FRED FRIES, City Clerk.

nated. For internations apply to Bankers button among depositors apply to Bankers Trust Company, 18 Wall Street. New York City, or Fidelity Trust Company, 237 Chest-nut Street, Philadelphia, Ps. JOHN I. WATERBURY, Chairman of Stockholders' Protective Committee, New York City, November 29, 1916. DIVIDEND NOTICES Southwestern Power & Light Company
Preferred Stock Dividend
The regular quarterly dividend of one and
three-quarters per cent. (14 %) in the Preferred Stock of Southwestern Power & Light
Company has been declared, payable to
cember 1, 1916, to stockholders of record at
the close of business November 21, 1914.

M. H. ARNING, Treasurer.

M. H. ARNING, Treasurer,
GENERAL CHEMICAL COMPANY.
25 Broad Street, New York,
November 17, 1918.
The Directors have this day declared out of the profits of 1916 an extra dividend e five per cent. (5%) and a special dividend of fifteen per cent. (15%) upon the Common Stock of the Company payable on as stor February 1, 1917, to Common Steak holders of record at the close of business December 20, 1918.

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